

THE POPE'S REIGN ENDING.

Leo XIII. Calmly Passing From Life Unto Death—Extreme Unction Administered.

FULL TRUST IN THE DIVINE MERCY

Touching Prayers Offered for Dying Pontiff—Impressive Group Surrounds the Central Figure in Death Chamber—Speaks of Life and Death with Same Serenity.

Rome, July 7, 3:55 a. m.—Another morning has broken on the pathetic scene within the simple chamber of the vatican where Pope Leo lies dying. As the soft light of dawn penetrated into the room the pontiff whispered to his devoted physician that he desired the shutters of the windows to be opened, saying:

"I wish to see once more, perhaps for the last time, the rays of the sun."

It was just a short while after the pope came back to consciousness from a sleep which Dr. Lipponi had induced by a strong dose of chloral. His sleep was so deathlike that artificial respiration was continued, and Dr. Lipponi every few minutes leant anxiously over the couch to observe the illustrious patient and listen to his hardly perceptible breathing. Pope Leo awoke without perspiration, feeble to extreme and his voice hardly audible. The fits of coughing had brought pains in his chest and shoulders, and thinking his end was near, he said to Dr. Lipponi:

"Tell me when the time really comes."

The doctor assured his holiness that he believed the danger of his immediate passing was averted for the night and for the day.

Those seemingly last moments of Pope Leo are full of solemnity. Perhaps his last hours would be less melancholy and sad if the august sufferer were less conscious of the circumstances and his mind less clear as to the duration of time remaining to him before he enters eternity. Although his physical powers are at the lowest ebb and his breathing becomes more labored, the pope's mind is clear, as is manifest to all around him by his bright, expressive eyes, the few words he now and then utters in uttering. The scene is so touching that those present can scarce restrain their tears.

Count Camille Pecci, the pope's nephew, whom the dying man kept by his side yesterday, was so exhausted late last night by his contending emotions that he had to be taken from his uncle's room, completely worn out. A few moments before, as he stood bowed beside the bed, Pope Leo laid his hand on his head with paternal affection, saying:

"Take courage."

Shortly after ten o'clock at night the pontiff received extreme unction. At nine o'clock his condition seemed so hopeless that only a short time apparently remained before he would glide into his last sleep. At Dr. Lipponi's initiative a hasty consultation of the pope's relatives, Cardinal Rampolla and other ecclesiastics was held and it was decided that extreme unction should be given. The pontiff received the announcement with his usual calmness, and though scarcely able to speak audibly he said he knew his time had come and he was ready to appear before the sublime tribunal with full trust in the divine mercy.

Monsignor Pifferi, Pope Leo's confessor, administered the extreme unction, and when the ceremony was over his holiness sank back on the pillow with apparent great relief that all was done and that he was entering into rest after his long pilgrimage.

RUDOLPH ESCAPES JAIL.

Union Bank Robber and Slay of Detective Schumacher Climbs to Roof and Flees.

St. Louis, July 7.—William Rudolph, who, with George Collins, robbed the Union bank on December 26, 1902, and killed Pinkerton Detective Charles J. Schumacher on January 24, escaped from the city jail at the four courts late yesterday afternoon.

With the date of his trial for murder only one week off the desperate man risked his life for liberty by climbing to the roof of the jail, and then taking two 20-foot leaps to the ground.

Half an hour after his escape became known 200 policemen and Pinkerton detectives were searching for Rudolph, but up to two o'clock this morning he had evaded them.

Rudolph's escape is exactly like that of "Skippy" Rohan several years ago. It is believed that Rohan's method of getting outside of the prison had been thoroughly explained to the desperate robber and murderer, and he followed it to the letter.

AID FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

Money Needed to Place Towns Again in a Sanitary Condition—Business at a Standstill.

Jeannette, Pa., July 7.—As a result of the breaking of the Oakford Park dam, Monday, 20 persons are known to be dead and 16 are missing. The property loss in the valley will reach \$1,500,000, and the distress is so great that outside relief must be asked for. From a prosperous, contented valley this section in a single day has been transformed into a great household of mourning. Pretty homes have been wrecked and great workshops forced into idleness. All day long hundreds of willing hands pulled away the great piles of debris in the search for the missing residents of the valley. From time to time the search would be rewarded and anxious friends would recognize the mutilated body of a relative.

Business was practically at a standstill. Many of the stores here were flooded and many workshops were in the path of the torrent. To the throng of idle citizens were added great crowds of strangers who came here from all over western Pennsylvania to view the destruction that had been wrought. The curious all went to the morgue and fought for an opportunity to view the gruesome sights. Those who really had cause to go to the house of the dead could hardly fight their way through the throng. Then, too, a number of thieves came to make profit out of the morbid crowd.

There was a great crowd of people assembled all day at the pile of wreckage heaped against the embankment east of town and scattered over the bottom land. It was here that many bodies were supposed to be buried. During the night men with lanterns had picked their way over the wreckage looking for bodies, and when morning came a large force of volunteers went to work, making a systematic search. By evening the men said that no more bodies remained in the debris. Parties also worked up and down the creek. Occasionally, hidden in bushes or pinned down by rubbish would be found a former resident of the valley. It is probable that from time to time other bodies will be found.

MINERS THREATEN NEGROES.

Cooks and Waiters at Elks' Banquet Have Narrow Escape—Hurried Out of Town by Police.

Linton, Ind., July 7. The appearance of eight Terre Haute negroes in Linton Monday was the cause of a demonstration in which the men narrowly escaped serious injury. Alex Sanderson, a Terre Haute caterer, was employed to serve the banquet at the institution of a new lodge of the Elks. He took his cooks and waiters with him, and while the negroes were in the hall several thousand miners assembled in the street and threatened to dynamite the building unless the negroes were sent out of town. The eight colored men were hurried into a cab and driven to Jasperville, where they were put on the train for Terre Haute. Six policemen hung on the carriage and beat back the crowd while the negroes were being driven out of town.

BRAVE SISTERS OF CHARITY.

Fight Fire at Great Risk of Life—Assist in Saving Furniture—Building Destroyed.

Kansas City, Mo., July 7.—Before the firemen could arrive sisters of charity from the House of Good Shepherd assisted in fighting a fire that destroyed the sexton's house at Mount St. Mary's cemetery, on the southeastern edge of the city, Monday. Although the sexton and his wife were forced to flee for their lives, some of the sisters entered the burning building and assisted in saving the furniture while others played a stream of water on the flames with the garden hose. B. J. Donnelly, the sexton, was burned slightly. The building was destroyed.

EXCURSIONISTS KILLED.

Several Men and Women Engage in Fight on Steamer—Two Women Shot—Man Falls in River.

Mount Vernon, Ind., July 7.—An excursion on the steamer D. A. Nisbet broke up in a big fight, Monday, and six persons were shot. Kinney Givens, of this city and Frank Kirk were shot in the legs and arms. Givens shot and fatally wounded a man named Brown, from Henderson, Ky. One man from Henderson, named White, was shot in the breast and fell into the river. His body has not been recovered. Two of the number shot were women. The fight occurred between Uniontown, Ky., and this place. The boat returned to Uniontown, and six men and two women were arrested and put in jail there.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS

RHODE ISLAND REDS.

As Layers of Dark Brown Eggs. Winter and Summer. This Breed Has No Superior.

The Rhode Island Red is a rich brilliant red, as deep in shade as may be gotten by keeping out the smut in undercolor, and specimen feathers on my desk from birds that have won prizes at our largest shows indicate that a very rich red may be attained with clear red under-color. Of course, such birds are rare and extremely high-priced and are no more useful than the common ones on the farm, where the rich, red surface color is about all that is ever considered.

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ter and summer, the Reds are peerless. This has been proved by the testimony of every one who has ever bred them. Whether or not the change to a heavier standard of weight, which now reads 8½ pounds for cock and 6½ pounds for hens, will affect the laying qualities remains to be seen. The testimony of my customers from east to west favors the small, active type as the best layers, but my own experience does not coincide with theirs, as I find the large hens on the nest fully as often as the smaller ones.

For dressed fowls I want to say that the local butcher has no eye for beauty of plumage, but actually pays me two cents per pound more for the culls I kill than he pays for common kinds. I asked him why he did so. The answer was: "Plumper, more meat, less bone, nice yellow legs and skin, medium size (three to five pounds). There is the argument in dollars and cents.—Ohio Farmer

FEEDING FOR COLOR.

It Can Be Done at Small Expense and Without Injuring the Health of the Chickens.

Assuming that the chickens which it is intended to feed for color are the product of well-colored stock birds, there is no reason why their color should not be intensified by direct feeding as canaries are fed; but this must be done more with a view to supplementing the tendency to sound color, than to altering it materially. It is not much use attempting to color feed an adult bird—the experiment must be tried upon chickens, and they must be color fed from the shell. The proper principle to follow is to supply a little color food regularly—a small quantity given in a systematic way, but not spasmodic dosing on a large scale. If the birds be accustomed to it from hatching time upwards, and then when passing through their first or chicken moult they be given a rather more liberal supply, that is all that can be done. After the moult the color, of course will be determined, and one cannot alter the color of feathers which have already developed—one can only do that during the process of development. When the moult is finished, therefore, and the color is fixed for the time being, the color food may be almost entirely discontinued; but it should not be altogether given up, because fowls are constantly losing feathers, and if the effect of this feather food upon the system be not maintained, by constantly giving small doses of it, there is a possibility that any feathers which may be lost will be replaced by those of a different color. The effect of the color food, therefore, must not be allowed to entirely lapse from the blood. The expense of keeping up color feeding on a limited scale like this is not great, and so it is within reason to do so.—Poultry.

Crops cannot grow without water because they do not eat their food, but drink it. Now, while the water is in the soil, is the time to conserve it by a frequent cultivation and harrowing. Keep the soil pulverized fine.

HE FOUND AN OPENING.

It Was a Small One, But the Applicant Found It Difficult to Fill.

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco tells of an untiring politician who demanded a position. To escape him and kindred men the mayor had hied himself to the suburbs. And in the suburbs the applicant halted the mayor, relates the Boston Post. The politician placed his cane behind him and rested on it as a seat. Better opportunity had never been presented for arguing his just claim. His indignant caused the cane to move slightly. "Yes, sir," said the office seeker, "I am entitled to a position in the city's service and am looking for an opening." "Is there any kind of work to which you are adapted?" asked the mayor. "The man took courage from the question and said that any kind of an opening would suit." By this time the man's unsteadiness had brought the cane, which was bearing his weight, precariously near a knot hole. The mayor thought. In expectancy the applicant shifted his position. The next instant he was endeavoring to follow his cane through a hole in the board walk. "There," said the mayor, very much relieved, "is an opening for you. Try and fill it; if you don't succeed, see the board of public works."

For Aged People.

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